

the second amplifier.

163. (NEW) An optical transmission system as in claim 162, wherein the first and second amplifiers have a combined gain so that the optical signal is output from the second amplifier at a power level sufficient to be received by the receiver.

REMARKS


It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 91-163 are currently pending.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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